

REMARKS

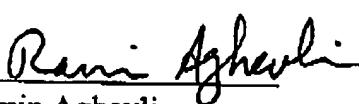
Prior to examination of the present application, please cancel claims 22 and 23 without prejudice; amend claims 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20, 25, 32, 38, and 52; and add new claims 54-59 as detailed above. No new matter is believed to have been introduced hereby.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach, disclose, or suggest the claimed combination of features such as set forth by the pending claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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